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RE: New Management and Operations Contract for BNL

Dear Mr. Sadler,

As you may be aware, the Brookhaven National Laboratory Community Advisory Council (CAC) was established a decade ago to provide critical stakeholder and community input to BNL. The CAC is made up of a broad array of community groups and has provided detailed and thorough comments on significant clean up plans including the Peconic River, decontamination and decommissioning of the Brookhaven Graphite Research Reactor, the High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR), the tritium groundwater plume originating from the HFBR, as well as numerous other groundwater and soil remediation efforts. The CAC has also acted as a conduit to the community regarding the important scientific research that is conducted at BNL.

We believe the input of the CAC has resulted in better, more comprehensive, and more efficient clean up plans and increased environmental protections that have benefited both BNL and the community. The CAC process has allowed honest dialogue and a spirit of partnership to replace the prior mindset of community mistrust and suspicion.

The current contract with Brookhaven Science Associates to manage BNL expires Jan 4, 2010. We feel that the continuance of the role of the CAC should be weighed in the evaluation of proposals for the future management of the Laboratory, and should be a condition for the award of the contract for operation of BNL.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

The BNL CAC

c: Senator Charles Schumer
 Senator Kristen Gillibrand
 Congressman Tim Bishop
 Sam Aronson, BNL
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